

TOMPKINS COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FEBRUARY 24, 2015

TCPL Board Members Present: Bruce Ryan; President, Molly Salky, Tim Scott, Cindy Nicholson, Martha Walker, Rochelle Proujansky, Helena Maria Viramontes, Peter McCracken, Jack Clark

Board Members Excused: Kris Altucher, Kenneth McClane, Risa Mish

Also present: Also Present: Michael Lane, Tompkins County Legislative Liaison to the Board of Trustees; Susan Currie, Library director; Suzanne Smith Jablonski, Library Foundation director; Mary McKeon; Admin. Asst. and Michelle Benjamin, Library Business Manager

Meeting convened at 4:03 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

With a quorum now present the meeting continued to the order of business.

ACTION ITEMS

APPROVAL OF AGENDA DOC 15-14

A **MOTION** was made by T. Scott and seconded by P. McCracken to approve the agenda. Approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 27, 2014 DRAFT MINUTES DOC 15-15

A **MOTION** was made by R. Proujansky seconded by C. Nicholson to approve the minutes. Approved unanimously.

STAFF PRESENTATION; YEAR END BUDGET REVIEW by Michelle Benjamin

M. Benjamin gave a brief overview of the responsibilities of the Business Office. Benjamin gave a review of the 2015 Budget and showed a comparison to 2014 budget. A discussion ensued.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

I, Treasurer, Cynthia AB Nicholson, in keeping with New York State Education Law, certify that I have reviewed all vouchers presented for payment, and that all disbursements are within the approved operating budget of the library, and therefore recommend that the Board of Trustees approve for payment February 2015 bills in the amount of \$178,443.77 as listed in Abstracts #4, #5 and #6.

APPROVAL OF YEAR END 2014 BUDGET AMENDMENTS DOC 15-16

A **MOTION** was made to approve the Year End 2014 Budget Amendments. Approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF 2015 BUDGET AMENDMENTS DOC 15-17

A **MOTION** was made to approve the 2015 Budget Amendments. Approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY DOC 15-18

A **MOTION** was made to approve the Conflict of Interest Policy. Approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF WHISTLEBLOWER POLICY DOC 15-19

A **MOTION** was made to approve the Whistleblower Policy. Approved unanimously.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

R. Proujansky made a recommendation for Janet Corson-Rikert to fill the vacancy of Aloja Airewele on behalf of the Nominating Committee. Approved unanimously.

DIRECTORS REPORT

Director Currie reported that, after much discussion about the mission of the Discovery Trail and the expansion of the Kids Discover the Trail program, the DT Directors made the decision at the December 2014 meeting to post for a full-time executive director. Currie also reported that she will be attending the March 24, 2015 meeting of the Government Operations Committee, to give a presentation on the proposed plans for the recently vacated FLLS space. This means the planned joint meeting of the Board and Foundation will be rescheduled and the Board meeting moved to a short business meeting on Monday, March 23, 2015.

DEVELOPMENT REPORT

S. Smith Jablonski distributed the monthly Foundation staff report. In addition, she invited trustees to participate in the “thankathon” on February 27 and the task force to be convened to analyze and discuss the Inside Story Lunch. Smith Jablonski conveyed that a report on campaign giving detailed by designation had been drafted and would be forthcoming.

STRATEGY DISCUSSION

Ryan introduced DOC 15-20; Proposal for better aligning the Library and the Foundation. A **MOTION** was made, with a minor correction to approve the Proposal for better aligning the Library and the Foundation. Approved unanimously.

LIAISON REPORTS

Friends – J. Clark reported that the friends are revising their bylaws.

County Liaison—M. Lane reported the Ithaca City Outreach worker is to help with problem the city and library has seen with crowd congregation. The outreach worker will be hired and

supervised by Family & Children Services. The County is contributing funding to this initiative so that the library is taken into account for providing services.

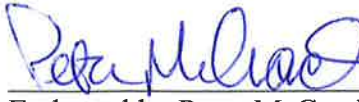
QUESTIONS ABOUT WRITTEN REPORTS

None

MOTION to adjourn meeting by R. Proujansky and seconded by M. Salky at 5:29 p.m. Carried unanimously.



Recorded by Mary McKeon
Administrative Assistant



Endorsed by Peter McCracken
Secretary